GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS TO STATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantum of foodgrains being supplied under Public Distribution System hasincreased in those States which have been affected by natural calamities;

(b) if so, the names of the States which were hit by natural calamities during the last year alongwith the increase in quantum of foodgrains, item-wise; and

(c) the criteria laid down regarding the increase in foodgrains to the States hit by natural calamities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),&(c): The Government of India has decided to give additional allocation of foodgrains at below poverty line (BPL) rates to the drought affected States for distribution to all the drought affected families (BPL & APL) @ 20 kg per family per month for a period of three months during current financial year 2001-2002. This allocation is in addition to the normal monthly entitlement of foodgrains of BPL families under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).The total additional allocation for calamity relief made to various States during 2001-2002 at BPL rates is 8.85 lakh tonnes of rice and 12.47 lakh tonnes of wheat till date.The State-wise allocation is as follows:-

(Fig. In tones)

S.NO.	STATE	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	PURPOSE
1	Andhra Pradesh	490560	-	490560	Drought relief
2	Bihar	-	180000	180000	Drought relief
3	Gujarat	81765	245292	327057	Drought relief
4	Himachal Pradesh	119250	3000	149250	Drought relief
5	Madhya Pradesh	29437	91844	121281	Drought relief
6	Maharashtra	164456	328912	493368	Drought relief
7	Rajasthan	-	370665	370665	Drought relief
	TOTAL	885468	1246713	2132581	